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April 2, 2018

The Honorable J.D. Mesnard
Speaker of the House
Arizona State House of Representatives
1700 W. Washington
Phoenix, AZ 85007

RE: House Bill 2114 (power authority; procurement code; exemption)

Dear Speaker Mesnard,

Today, I vetoed HB2114. The procurement code applies to every expenditure of public monies, including federal assistance monies except as specified in statute (A.R.S 41-2501). The procurement laws of this state exist to give structure and certainty for the use of state authority and resources, while also helping to save taxpayer money entrusted to the state through the collective purchasing power of multiple agencies.

While numerous exemptions exist in the procurement code, it is rare, if ever, to find a blanket exemption for the entirety of an agency's procurement activity. In many instances, exemptions to the procurement code are narrowly tailored to the business needs of the agency or their customers, and have been recognized by the legislative body as necessary for those purposes. This bill does not specifically tailor the need for the exemption and would set a negative precedent in its current form.

Sincerely,

Douglas A. Ducey
Governor
State of Arizona

cc: The Honorable Steve Yarbrough
The Honorable Darin Mitchell
The Honorable Michele Reagan

House Engrossed

State of Arizona
House of Representatives
Fifty-third Legislature
Second Regular Session
2018

HOUSE BILL 2114

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 41-2501, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO THE
ARIZONA PROCUREMENT CODE.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

Passed the House February 6, 20 18

by the following vote: 55 Ayes,

3 Nays, 1 Not Voting


Speaker of the House

☐ Pro Tempore

Jim Drake
Chief Clerk of the House

Passed the Senate March 28, 20 18

by the following vote: 16 Ayes,

14 Nays, 0 Not Voting


President of the Senate

Susan Reeves
Secretary of the Senate

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

This Bill received by the Governor this

29th day of March, 20 18

at 12:22 o'clock P. M.


Secretary to the Governor

Approved this 2nd day of

April 2018

at 10:55 o'clock A. M.

VETO

Governor of Arizona

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill received by the Secretary of State

this _____ day of _____, 20 _____

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State

H.B. 2114